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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

WITH DECLARATION

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In an Office Action mailed November 12, 2004, all claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, and under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks. No fees are believed to be due, but any fees or deficiencies may be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Amendments begin at page 2. Remarks begin at page 4.